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FOLLOWING PROVIDED BY WASHINGTON FIELD: *u*

ON 14 JUNE 1978, LIEUTENANT GENERAL VERNON WALTERS (RETIRED), FORMER DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA), WAS INTERVIEWED AT WASHINGTON, D.C. (WDC) REGARDING HIS KNOWLEDGE OF THE LETELIER ASSASSINATION AND ADDITIONAL HIS KNOWLEDGE OF POSSIBLE TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES (U.S.) IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER, 1976, OF FORMER DINAFICIAN TO EFFECT CONTACT WITH HIM. GENERAL WALTERS WAS SO QUERIED CONCERNING DETAILS OF HIS TRIP TO PARAGUAY THE SUMMER OF 1976. *u*

GENERAL WALTERS ADVISED THAT SHORTLY AFTER HIS RETURN TO THE U.S. FROM PARAGUAY IN THE SUMMER OF 1976, HE RETIRED FROM HIS POSITION AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE CIA. GENERAL WALTERS PINPOINTED THE DATE OF HIS RETIREMENT AS THE FIRST OF JULY, 1976. HE STATED THAT AFTER HIS RETIREMENT, HE WENT TO FLORIDA FOR A VACATION, AND SINCE THAT TIME, HAS OCCUPIED NO OFFICIAL POSITION WITH THE CIA. *u*

GENERAL WALTERS ADVISED THAT HE COULD FURNISH NO RELEVANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE LETELIER ASSASSINATION. WALTERS CONTINUED THAT SINCE HIS RETIREMENT IN JULY OF 1976, FROM THE CIA, HE HAS HAD ABSOLUTELY NO CONTACT WITH ANY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CHILEAN INTELLIGENCE SERVICE. GENERAL WALTERS EXPRESSED SOME SURPRISE ON BEING ADVISED OF THE PURPOSE OF THE INTERVIEW AND WHEN TOLD THAT SEVERAL DINAFICIAN *u*

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ICIALS WERE CLAIMING THAT THEIR TRIP TO THE U.S. IN
JULY OF 1976 WAS TO SEE HIM (GENERAL WALTERS), THE GENERAL
REJECTED AND DISMISSED THE IDEA AS BEING LUDICROUS ON ITS
FACE, SAYING IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE SINCE HE HAD RETIRED DURING THE
PREVIOUS MONTH.

GENERAL WALTERS CONTINUED THAT THE PURPOSE OF HIS TRIP
TO PARAGUAY IN EARLY SUMMER, 1976, HAD BEEN COMPLETELY UNRELATED
TO THE LETELIER ASSASSINATION AND AT NO TIME HAD HE DISCUSSED
WITH ANY PARAGUAYAN OFFICIALS THE ISSUANCE OF FALSE PASSPORTS
OR ANY JOINT CHILENA-PARAGUAYAN INTELLIGENCE OPERATION.

WHEN INFORMED THAT GENERAL MANUEL CONTRERAS, FORMER HEAD
OF DINA, HAD STATED THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE TURNLEY-FERHANDEZ
MISSION TO THE U.S. IN SEPTEMBER OF 1976 WAS TO CONTACT GENERAL
WALTERS, GENERAL WALTERS ADVISED THAT HIS ONLY CONTACT WITH
GENERAL CONTRERAS HAD BEEN WHEN THE LATTER VISITED THE U.S.
IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS HEAD OF DINA. GENERAL WALTERS
CONTINUED THAT PART OF HIS FUNCTION AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CIA

AT THE CONCLUSION
OF THE INTERVIEW, GENERAL WALTERS OFFERED TO TAKE A POLYGRAPH
EXAMINATION TO CONFIRM THE VERACITY OF THE INFORMATION HE
FURNISHED. GENERAL WALTERS ALSO ADVISED THAT HE DID NOT
KEEP RECORDS OF HIS LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALLS HAD BEEN
MAINTAINED BY THE AGENCY DURING HIS TENURE AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR.

2. NO FILE.

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